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SUBJ: RECIPROCITY OF BUSINESS VISAS

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1. THE US CITIZEN MANAGER OF PANAM PRAGUE RECEIVED A SINGLE ENTRY VISA FOR A STAY OF SEVEN DAYS FROM CS EMBASSY WASHINGTON WHICH, AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN PRAGUE, WAS CONVERTED WITHOUT CHARGE TO A MULTIPLE EXIT-REENTRY PERMIT WITH A VALIDITY OF SIX MONTHS AND MAY BE RENEWED HERE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

THE MANAGER, WHO IS NOW OUR ONLY RESIDENT BUSINESSMAN IN CSSR, WOULD WELCOME THE EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF HIS AND HIS FAMILY'S PERMITS FROM SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A SIMILAR PERMIT WAS ALSO GIVEN TO THOSE AMERICAN RESIDENT BUSINESSMEN WHO WERE HER IN THE PAST.

2. UNION CARBIDE TECHNICIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, HERE FROM NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS, WERE ISSUED SINGLE ENTRY VISAS AT PRAGUE AIRPORT ON AD HOC BASIS (VISAS WERE NOT OBTAINED PRIOR TO ENTRY AS IS CUSTOMARY). REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUP HAVE TOLD CONOFF THAT OVER PAST TWO WEEKS LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN LITVINOV (HOUR AND HALF DRIVE FROM PRAGUE) HAVE ISSUED VARIOUS TYPES OF VISAS SPECIFYING NOT ONLY THE LENGTH OF STAY ABROAD (USUALLY SEVEN DAYS) BUT THE COUNTRIES FOR WHICH THE EXIT IS VALID I.E. AUSTRIA AND WEST GERMANY.

3. THE GROUP HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR ITS SUPPORT IN OBTAINING MULTIPLE EXIT/REENTRY VISAS. THE EMBASSY IS SYMPATHETIC TO THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUEST IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THE ADVANTAGES WHICH FREER

TRAVEL MIGHT HAVE FOR MORALE OF THE GROUP (THIRTY-ONE EMPLOYEES AND dependents IN ALL) AND FOR THE dependents ESPECIALLY.

4. EMBASSY PLANS TO APPROACH MFA SOON TO SEE WHETHER VISAS OF TYPE ISSUED PAN-AM MANAGER MIGHT BE GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF UNION CARBIDE GROUP. WILL ADVISE. PERRY

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